(c) whether it is a fact that such appointments have been done in some Banks only; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the names of the Banks where appointments have been delayed and what efforts are being made by Government to expedite the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Government have appointed officer employee directors on the boards of nine nationalised banks. The names of these directors, bank-wise, are furnished below:—

Shri S.R. Sengupta	—	Bank of India
Shri S.. Sudhakar Shetty	—	Canara Bank
Shri T. Ramachandra Bhat	—	Corporation Bank
Shri B.T. Ramachandra Reddy	—	Dena Bank
Shri Gulshan Paul	—	New Bank of India
Shri S.P. Bakshy	—	Oriental Bank of Commerce
Shri A.S. Krishnan	—	Punjab National Bank
Shri S. Roy Choudhury	—	UCO Bank
Shri T. Krishnaraj Bhat	—	Vijaya Bank

Government have initiated necessary steps to appoint officer employee directors on the boards of the remaining nationalised banks.

Loan Approved by Asian Development Bank

1971. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Asian Development Bank has approved record loan to India in 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with terms of such loans;

(c) whether it is also a fact that financial assistance has been provided by Asian Development Bank to various projects of different Ministries during 1991; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof, Ministry-wise with terms of such loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir. Asian Development Bank's loan commitments to India during Calendar Year 1991 totalled to US $ 892 million and US $ 32 million for Private Sector Loans without Government Guarantees.

(b) to (d) The list of projects Ministries concerned, amounts of loans and repayment terms were given in the Statement.

Statement

Loan / Project	Ministry	Amount in US $ million	Repayment period (Grace period)	Interest Rate
1. Special Assistance	Petroleum & Natural Gas	150.00	20(4) years	6.58 percent per annum
2. Second Railways	Railways	225.00	Yet to be signed	during 1.1.92 to 30.6.92
3. Gandhar Field Development	Petroleum & Natural Gas	267.00	25(4) years	(Variable Interest)
4. Hydro Carbons Sector Programme Loan	Petroleum & Natural Gas	250.00	15(3) years	rate which is refixed on half Yearly basis)
PRIVATE SECTOR LOANS				
CESC Ltd.	—	32.00	yet to be signed	

Circulation of Counterfeit Notes in the Country

1972. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an unprecedented increase in the circulation of the counterfeit currency notes in the country;

(b) if so, what is the total value of counterfeit currency notes seized by the R.B.I. during the last one year.

(c) whether Government have since contemplated any measure to book the persons engaged in such activities; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what other steps Government proposed to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Correspondence with MPs by SBI Central Office at Bombay

1973. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Office at Bombay of the State Bank of India, does not send reply to the Members of Parliament properly; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the number of letters received by the Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director from the Hon'ble Members of Lok Sabha / Rajya Sabha during last year and the current year so far; and

(c) what is the number of letter replied to and how many letters are pending for their reply and what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) State Bank of India has reported that the number of letters received by its Managing Director, Dy. Managing Directors from the Members of Lok Sabha / Rajya Sabha and those pending out of them during the year 1991 and in the year 1992 so far is as follows:—

	1991	1992
No. of letters received	126	18
Letter pending	4	11

It has been further reported that all letters received by the concerned Departments in the Central Office of the Bank from Members of Parliament are responded to properly and promptly and delay, wherever occurs, is due to the time taken in obtaining the information from far flung branches by the Local Head Offices of the bank.

Hydel Power Generation in Himachal Pradesh

1974. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh has a potential for generation of 20,000 MW hydro power but the present rate of generation of power in the state is only 272 MW;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to fill up the gap through participation in private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) As per Hydro-electric Potential Reassessment Studies carried out by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the hydro-electric potential of Himachal Pradesh has been assessed as 11,647 MW at 60% load factor. At present hydro-electric schemes with a total installation of 3112 MW are in operation in the state, out of which 271.77 MW is owned by Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board.

Nine hydro-electric schemes with a capacity of 2285.5 MW are presently under various stages of construction in the state. Four hydro-electric projects with a capacity of 1470 MW have been accorded techno-economic approval by the CEA.

(c) The Govt. of Himachal Pradesh have offered nine hydro-electric schemes in the state with a total capacity of 1304.5 MW for execution in the private sector. The State Government has already signed Memorandum of Understanding with Private Companies in respect of three projects, i.e. Baspa-II (300 MW), Ual-III (70 MW) and Ghanvi (22.50 MW).